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AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. SOVIETS SCHEDULED SPECIAL ZNANIE SOCIETY LECTURE  
APRIL 24 ON CURRENT SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN THEIR  
CONTINUING EFFORT PRESENT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PROPER  
LIGHT TO POPULACE. LECTURE BY HISTORY PROFESSOR V.K.  
FURAEV REPLACED NORMAL SUNDAY RUNDOWN ON GENERAL  
INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND WAS GIVEN TO FULL HOUSE  
INTERESTED LISTENERS IN SOCIETY'S GREAT HALL. LECTURE  
PLACED STRESS ALMOST ENTIRELY ON SALT AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
ISSUES. TRADE AND OTHER ASPECTS BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP  
WERE RELEGATED TO ONLY FEW MINUTES AT CONCLUSION OF  
SPEECH, WITH COMMENT THAT FUTURE PROGRESS IN THESE  
AREAS DEPENDENT ON IMPROVEMENT IN POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE.  
FOLLOWING ARE PRINCIPAL POINTS MADE BY FURAEV:

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2. SOVIETS PORTRAYED THROUGHOUT LECTURE AS AGGRIEVED  
PARTY WHOSE CONTINUING EFFORTS IMPROVE RELATIONS,  
DESCRIBED IN DETAIL BY LECTURER, FRUSTRATED FIRST  
BY US ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND "INFLEXIBLE" ATTITUDE  
MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL-COMPLEX AND MOST RECENTLY BY  
SALT PROPOSALS WHICH "CAN NOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY"  
AND HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN WHICH AMOUNTS TO

"PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE." SOVIETS NEVERTHELESS SAID TO REMAIN "OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT ULTIMATE OUTCOME SALT AGREEMENT AND CONTINUATION DETENTE.

3. FURAEV'S PRESENTATION ON SALT CLOSELY PARALLELED LINE SET DOWN EARLIER BY ZAMYATIN AND ZAGLADIN (REFTEL B) WITH AMPLE REFERENCES TO "ONE-SIDED" U.S. PROPOSALS WHICH GIVE U.S. "UNILATERAL ADVANTAGES". SPEAKER IMPLIED THAT LACK "SERIOUSNESS" OF PROPOSALS AND THEIR SUPPORT BY SUCH PEOPLE AS SENATOR HENRY JACKSON SHOWS CARTER ADMINISTRATION CONCESSION TO MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. U.S. AND EUROPEAN PRESS STATEMENTS ALSO WERE LAVISHLY USED TO SUGGEST THAT PROPOSALS ESSENTIALLY "PROPAGANDISTIC."

4. FURAEV'S COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS NOTEWORTHY FOR RELATIVE LENGTH, HIGH EMOTIONAL LEVEL AND SARCASTIC AND RIDICULING TONE. HE CONSISTENTLY DESCRIBED CAMPAIGN AS "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE" AGAINST SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHICH CLEAR "INTERFERENCE" IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND HENCE CANNOT BE TOLERATED. HE ATTRIBUTED CAMPAIGN AS U.S. COUNTERATTACK TO RISING POPULARITY COMMUNIST IDEAS IN WEST WHICH BESET BY CHRONIC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS. HE DECRIED PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO SAKHAROV AND, IN HIGHLY EMOTIONAL TONE, SAID PRESIDENT, IN RECEIVING "CRIMINAL" BUKOVSKY HAS REACHED "VERY LOW POINT."

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5. FURAEV ALSO FOCUSED HIS LECTURE PROMINENTLY ON QUESTION TRUST. ALLEGING U.S. PROPOSALS IGNORE COMMITMENTS TAKEN IN VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT, INCLUDING INCLUSION CRUISE MISSILE, FURAEV RAISED RHETORICAL QUESTION OF HOW SOVIETS IN FUTURE CAN REPOSE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN U.S. WORD IF EACH NEW ADMINISTRATION DISREGARDS SOLEMN AGREEMENTS OF PREDECESSORS.

6. CRUISE MISSILE PRESENTATION WAS ALONG FAMILIAR GROUNDS WITH FURAEV CONTRASTING "STRATEGIC" CRUISE MISSILE WITH LAND, SEA AND AIR, NUCLEAR AND NON-NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES AGAINST "MODEST" CAPABILITIES BACKFIRE BOMBER. SPEAKER ALSO STRESSED U.S. PROPOSALS FAIL TAKE ACCOUNT OF "GEOGRAPHIC" ADVANTAGES ENJOYED BY U.S. AS RESULT ITS BASES IN EUROPE WHILE SOVIETS HAVE NO SUCH BASES "IN PROXIMITY" TO U.S. FRONTIERS. FURAEV ALSO CLAIMED THAT GO-AHEAD ON CRUISE MISSILE WOULD OPEN "NEW ROUND" IN ARMAMENTS RACE AND IMPLIED THAT "ENORMOUS" U.S. BUDGET OUTLAYS FOR

CRUISE MISSILE CONSTITUTES SUCH GO-AHEAD.  
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